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Raising the Dearness Allowance of Government Servants.

Q.—207. **Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN** (Chikmagalur *cum* Shimoga —Muslim).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the Dearness Allowance to Government servants was last raised in the State ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have more recently raised the rates of Dearness Allowance to their employees ;

(*c*) what the cost of living index was when it was revised last and what it is now ;

(*d*) whether they intend to raise the Dearness Allowance in view of the soaring prices of food-stuffs and other articles of everyday necessity and in view of the increased house-rents and other taxes ?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri H.C. DASAPPA** (Minister for Finance and Industries).—

(*a*) 1946.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*)—

	July 1946.	*August 1951.*
Bangalore City ...	240·7	345·8
K.G.F. Area ...	262·6	370·7
Mysore City ...	236·2	343·3

(*d*) Under consideration of Government.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—May I know since how long this matter is under consideration of the Government ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is actively under the consideration of the Government for about a few months.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—What is the actual proposal that is under consideration of the Government with regard to the enhancement of Dearness Allowance ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There is a general demand for increasing the dearness allowance by at least five rupees.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Is it on the basis of living index that the Government are considering that proposal ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That is also one of the main considerations.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Will the Hon'ble Minister make a statement with regard to that before the close of this session ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is always better to promise less and do more than promise more and do less.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—My only question is whether this promise could be fulfilled before the close of this session ; whether it is likely to be considered as early as possible before the close of this session ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That is more than I can say because it is essentially a question of finance. The Government are deeply sympathetic but then there is this overriding consideration of finance and it means that we have got to plan and provide for it. There is no use passing a Government Order and not providing for it in the Budget. It does take some time to find out the resources for meeting this extra expenditure not anticipated at the time of Budget.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Is it on the basis of the flat rate of five rupees given by the Government of India the grant of five rupees is under consideration here ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Minister has already answered that question.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There is an idea.

Sri K. R. SREEKANTESWAR (Bangalore City—General).—Government have promised five rupees.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Who said that ?